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CSD ADVISES PARENTS TO INSPECT PRIVATE SCHOOL BUSES

As the new school year begins, Miami-Dade County's Consumer Services Department (CSD) is advising parents whose children are transported by private school buses, to ensure that these buses meet basic safety standards, and are properly registered with the department.

They should also make sure that the drivers have a current chauffeur's registration issued by CSD.

"These buses are transporting their most precious assets, their children," says the director of CSD's Passenger Transportation Regulatory Division, Joe Mora. "Parents should make sure the vehicles are roadworthy, and that the drivers are properly licensed." It is also important that each child have a seat, he says.

County law requires that each private school bus have:

1. A current inspection decal from CSD's Inspection Station;
2. A functioning fire extinguisher;
3. A fully equipped first aid kit.

While the department's enforcement officers will be on the lookout for violators, parents should also make an extra effort to ensure that their children are being transported safely, Mora says.

For additional information, or details of the regulations governing private school buses, parents should call CSD's Consumer Hotline at 305-375-3677.

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The Miami Dade Consumer Services Department is an agency of Miami-Dade County government that protects consumers through complaint mediation, business regulation, and consumer education. The Department operates the Consumer Hotline (305) 375-3677, a central telephone number for consumer complaints and information.